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"Saint Peter's Parish is a community who lives in faith of Jesus Christ and, moved by the Spirit, continues to grow in our love for God and all people."

The Epiphany of the Lord

8th January 2017

Pastor's Note:

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord:

Matthew 2:1-12. Our Journey and Our Destiny to Jesus.

Epiphany (Greek word *Epiphanos* means appearance or manifestation or showing forth) has been defined as the manifestation of the God-child to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. '*Lumen requirunt lumine*' from a liturgical hymn for the Epiphany speak of the experience of the Magi: following a light, they were searching for the light. The star appearing in the sky kindled in their minds and in their hearts a light that moved them to seek the great light of Christ. The Magi followed faithfully that light which filled their hearts, and they encountered the Lord (*Pope Francis on Epiphany 2014*). The destiny of every person is symbolized in this journey of the Magi of the East as they are called in the Gospel. Our life is a journey, illuminated by the lights which brighten our way, to find the fullness of truth and love which we Christians recognize in Jesus, the light of the world. The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah, which echoes the call of God to Jerusalem: 'Arise, shine'. Jerusalem is called to be the city of light which reflects God's light to the world and helps humanity to walk in his ways. This is the vocation and the mission of the people of God in the world (*Pope Francis*). The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to the Magi, who had already received hints of him from the Jewish Scriptures. Later at his baptism, the Father revealed him as his beloved Son in whom He is well-pleased. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah. Finally Jesus revealed himself as the son of God at the wedding at Cana turning water into wine, thus revealing his Divinity. These multiple revelations/epiphanies are all suggested by the Feast of Epiphany.

St Paul in his letter to the Ephesians expresses God's plan in clear terms: *"The Gentiles are... co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel"*. The Gospel text today reminds us that if God permitted the Magi - foreigners and pagans - to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the king of the Jews, we should know that God has in his love brought us also to Jesus our Messiah. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. King Herod and his people tried to eliminate him; priests and the scribes ignored him and his birth; the shepherds and the Magi followed the vision and insight they had and they came to adore him. On this feast of Epiphany, as we recall and celebrate Jesus' manifestation to humanity in the face of a Child, may we be like the Magi who gazed towards the star and followed the great desires of their hearts. Pope Francis tells us that it is necessary today to guard the faith, and to keep the faith. We must press on further, beyond the darkness, beyond the voices that raise alarm, beyond worldliness, beyond so many forms of modernity that exist today. By the example of the Magi, with our little lights, may we seek the light and keep the faith.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 9th January	The Baptism of the Lord 8.00am Mass
TUE 10th January	8.00am Mass
WED 11th January	6.30am Mass
THU 12th January	
FRI 13th January	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 14th January	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 15th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

God's Word 2017—Daily Reflections is a Liturgical diary which has the readings for every day from the New Jerusalem Bible, inspiring reflections on the readings of the day and even space to note down important events and reflections of the day. only \$10! - from the back table.

Break Open the Word 2017: \$18 each. *Break Open the Word* is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry.

Parish Office Hours may vary until Thursday this week due to staff holidays. Messages can be left on the answering machine or in the post-box beside the door and will be attended to as soon as possible.

Readings **The Epiphany of the Lord**

The earliest Christmas feast, originating in the East in the third century and passing to the West in the fourth century. Celebrates the divine "manifestation" or "coming". In the East it commemorates the baptism of the Lord and in the West the visit of the Magi. The mystery of the incarnation is now revealed to everyone in the world, represented by these wise men from foreign lands.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are part of the same body.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 We have come from the East to worship the king.

Readings for next weekend: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Social Justice News: Dear friends, please sign the birthday card for Dr. Catherine Hamlin at the back of the church. Dr. Hamlin, who you remember has worked as a surgeon in Ethiopia for the past 50 years, is celebrating her 93rd birthday on 23 January. She is always delighted to receive good wishes from around the world. Thank you, Erika

Volunteers needed: Our parish Ministry groups are serviced by a large number of parishioners who volunteer in various ways to keep our parish functioning. We currently have vacancies on our **church cleaning** teams. We have 8 teams so you will only be cleaning the church once every 2 months. Cleaning is done usually early on a Saturday morning. We ideally like to have 4 or 5 people on a team. Some of our teams are down to 3 and one has only 2 members left!! Please volunteer if you think you could help out.

We are also in need of someone who could **wash and iron the Church linen** once a month. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated.

The **Bereavement group** is also seeking volunteers. The Bereavement group has 2 roles. The first of these roles is to send cards: One person is rostered each month to send sympathy cards to recently bereaved parishioners and anniversary cards to those people marking the first anniversary of the death of a loved one. The second role is to form the team to organize the Memorial Mass for All Souls Day to which all who have lost a loved one in the past 12 months are specially invited. This is a lovely ceremony that those who attend say is a beautiful experience. Please contact Julie in the Parish office if you would like to volunteer in any of our vacant ministries.

Advertising in our Newsletter: If you would like to advertise your business on the back of our newsletter in 2017 please contact austnews either by phone on 1800 245 077 or email:

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Planned Giving Envelopes: Some envelopes for 2017 are still to be collected. Thank you to all who give to our Planned Giving Program either through envelopes, Direct Debit or Credit Card or even direct bank transfer. Your assistance keeps the Parish functioning.

We have more envelope packs so if your set is not there or should you wish to contribute or change your current contribution please contact the Parish Office or complete a Pledge Card at the back or the Church and place it on the collection plate or hand it to Fr Jacob or to Julie or John. Thank You

Rosters for collection: New Church Cleaners rosters as well as some rosters still for collection for Home Communion Ministers and Readers and Communion Ministers at Masses. Church Cleaning Groups please note you will be advised if we get some volunteers to fill the gaps!

Monday 9th January is the feast day of The Baptism of the Lord

Drawing from the Eastern tradition of Epiphany, the West has remembered the baptism of the Lord on the octave of the Epiphany since the eighth century. Formally introduced into the Roman calendar in 1960 on the Sunday after the Epiphany, it now concludes the Christmas season. Commemorates the revelation of Jesus as God's beloved Son, the Christ, anointed by the Spirit.



Vinnies News: "Columban Calendars" for 2017 (cost \$9) available from the St Vinnies piety stall

**Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you love your Cathedral? Do you revel in good art and juicy history?
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Talk with us about becoming a **volunteer welcomer and/or guide at the Cathedral of St. Stephen**. The commitment is three hours per month on roster; booked tours according to your availability Monday to Fridays and bi-monthly meetings. The rewards are beyond measure - a wonderful opportunity to delve into the rich history, art and significance of the Cathedral and Precinct and to share it with others. Everyone you meet, greet and guide will become an ambassador for this historic architectural gem which is the mother church of the archdiocese. Volunteering is a sure way to find friends that you didn't even know you had. An information session will be held on Wednesday 1 February 2016 at 10.30. A comprehensive five day training program will begin on Thursday 9 February 2017 and continue weekly until completion on 16 March with a celebration to follow on 23 March. Contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au by Friday 27 January if you'd like to share in this mission!



Would you like to cycle through Cambodia? If you still have room on your list of new year resolutions, why not consider an overseas trip with a difference? At the end of this year, Catholic Mission is offering you the chance to visit some of the vital work it supports in Cambodia, while experiencing the countryside... on a push-bike.

From Wednesday 15 November – Sunday 26 November 2017, you could be part of a group of up to 20 people who will cycle through the cities and countryside of Cambodia, as well as participate in activities such as cooking classes and visit historical venues like Angkor Wat and a floating village, including a Catholic Church. **To take part, you have to register and cover your own travel costs, as well as fundraise \$3,500 for Catholic Mission.** For more information, visit <https://inspiredadventures.com.au/events/catholicmission-cambodia-2017/> or call the Brisbane office of Catholic Mission on (07) 3336 9239.

Centenary of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Corinda 1917—2017. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Finnigan 6pm Sat 28th January 2017 at St Joseph's Church, Corinda. Dinner will follow at the Sherwood Services Club, Clewley St, Corinda. Cost of dinner: \$30 per person. Please contact the Corinda Graceville Parish Office on 3379 1534 or at corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au to make a booking. All present and past parishioners and students of St Joseph's School Corinda, OLSH School Darra and OLSH College Corinda are invited to attend the celebrations.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Mary Menso

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Patrick Kelly, Viktor Brandt, Pauline O'Neil, Michael Sullivan, Norman Bishop, Esther Jarvis, Clare Mann, George Gough, Maureen Leadbetter, Fr Bill Hall, Cathy Donald, Theresa Adamson, Kerry Cavanagh, David Evans, Paul Lavington, Patrick Doolan, Valda Long, Stan O'Gorman

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Peter Holzknecht, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Michael Ah Koy, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Roger Byrne, Ingeborg McIntosh, Don Bechly, Brian Button, Ramona Cruz, Bonnie Dematillar, Terri Mills, Johnny Summers

Prayer requests should be recorded on the form on the back table of the church nearest to the lectern.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public.

Roster 14th & 15th January 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Les O'Gorman Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Neil Ballment Shelagh Ballment Jo Cullen	Volunteers please	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon June Wilson	C 1 2	Arthur Leow Lydia Chew Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Volunteers please	Tim
Sun 6.00pm	Malcolm Carroll Cora Gatabonton	C 1 2	John Blake Bob Burns Raylee Burns	Volunteers please	Liz

Church Cleaning: 8 Trish Bakker, Judith Littlefield, Cathy & Paul Heenan

Children's Liturgy: none **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: Saturday 14th January after 6pm Mass: Romana Langdon & Helen Viola



Are you new to our Parish? If you've recently joined the Parish, **WELCOME!!** Please make yourself known to us. We'd like to formally greet you, so please complete a 'New Parishioners Card' at the back of the Church and place it on the collection plate or hand it to Fr Jacob or to one of the Parish Councillors.

Parish Ministry Group Co-ordinators

In our parish we have many ways you can be involved. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to speak to one of our Co-ordinators whose numbers is not listed.

- Baptism Preparation:** Julie Hondroudakis
- Bereavement Group:** Contact the Parish Office
- Care & Concern:** Transport: 0412267337
- Children's Liturgy:** Jodie Baigent
- Family Groups:** Alan & Kristy Scanlon
Facebook: St Peters Rochedale Family Groups
- Memorial Wall & Gardens:** Les O'Gorman 3341 3862
- Mothers' Prayers:** Trish Bakker
- Music Liturgy Group:** Liz Fort

- Parish Pastoral Council:**
Chairperson: Malcolm Carroll
- Play Group:** Kristy Scanlon
- RE Teachers in State Schools:** Rita Bishop
- Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am
(1st Fridays 8.30am)
- Social Justice Group:** Erika Meerwald
Facebook: St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group
- St Vincent de Paul Rochedale Conference:**
John Blake

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